

REMARKS

Claims 26-35 are presently pending in the case. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The new claims are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed.

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/668,036. Claim 26 corresponds to claim 24 in 08/668,036 which was cancelled without prejudice in that case. The claim was returned to the Examiner by the Board of Appeals in order for the Examiner to reconsider the claim in light of the decision by the Board of Appeals in 08/668,036. Claim 31 is identical to claim 26 except that "in the range from 0.1 μm to 5 μm " has been replaced with "below 10 μm ".

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is filing under separate cover an information disclosure statement in compliance with MPEP section 609. Indication of consideration of the references provided is requested.

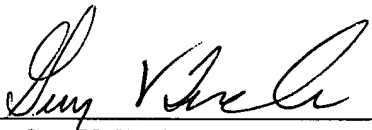
Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the presently pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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